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Nanjangud Rathotsava

Nanjangud, Mar.19 (RS&SR)- The Temple Town of Nanjangud on the banks of River Kapila came alive with chants in praise of devotees as the famous *Dodda Jatre* or the *Panchama-harathotsava* was held with traditional gaiety and fervour this morning. However, probably for the first time in the history of the famed event, the pulling of the main Gowthama Ratha was delayed for more than two hours as the ropes tied to the chariot snapped. The incident led to disappointment among devotees and they blamed officials for the lapse.

(See NANJANGUD on page 8)

Notification issued for Lok Sabha Election 2019

Three nominations filed

Abhiram G. Sankar

Mysuru, Mar. 19 (RK&BCT)- Notification for the first phase of Lok Sabha polls to be held on Apr. 18 was issued this morning across 14 constituencies in Karnataka including Mysuru-Kodagu Parliamentary segment.

For Mysuru-Kodagu seat, the notification was issued in both English and Kannada at 11 am by Mysuru DC Abhiram G. Sankar who is also the District Electoral Officer and Returning Officer. Three nominations were filed today. While 14 constituencies in south Karnataka will go to the polls on Apr. 18, 14 constituencies in north Karnataka will go to the polls on Apr. 23. Counting of votes would be taken up on May 23.

(See NOMINATIONS on page 8)

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Mysuru, Tuesday 19th March 2019

Protecting privacy

Extramarital affairs and intramarital aberrations are so commonplace all over the world that prompts one to wonder at their news value, given their appearance in cold print in dailies of all hues, including this one. The only difference in the way the related episodes earn space column of news papers seems to be that the *affairs* of bigwigs such as Presidents of countries and members of royalty hog space on front pages of broadsheets, more so accommodated in multi-column headlines while the sexual *adventures* of small fry in society, are reported in inside pages for providing grist to gossipmongers, particularly in smaller cities such as our own. Elderly keen readers of dailies may recollect the episode of John Dennis Profumo, a British official in a high post whose career ended in 1963 after a sexual relationship with the 19-year-old model Christine Keeler in 1961. Two Presidents of the US escaped getting into a tight predicament by the skin of their teeth after figuring in sex-driven extra-marital relationships a few decades ago.

The land's epics as well its long history have their share of episodes too involving divinity as well as royalty respectively straying beyond the frame work of fidelity, being charmed by the beauty of their targets and physical attractions hard to be ignored. The politicos of our times are only taking their turn in doing an encore of the greats of a distant past.

Sensationalism by print media is like a double-edged sword, earning more patrons for the daily and providing excitement to the readers. Seasoned editors make it a point to impress upon the budding journalists not to miss happenings in society and essay what are familiar to journalists as human interest stories. In this context, three occasions in three different locations featuring a veteran journalist, a judicial officer and a senior cop this week, have emphasized caution in the matter and of adhering to decorum of language and protecting privacy of individuals.

The Police officer's prescription of not revealing the identity of sexual assault victims except when doing so favoured the victims has its value. The judicial officer, cautioning the media against crossing the *Lakshman Rekha*, defined the line of control namely publication of comments and information should not invade into the privacy of an individual.

What is *information* to others could be a personal and sensitive issue to an individual in circumstances relating to intramarital discord taken to the portals of a law court. Ultimately, mastery over language is a great help in using language for reporting with finesse.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

[Courtesy: The Times of India]

NEWS SPARKLERS

Shark's 'kiss' on face of a diver

Pico Island: Diver Stefano Ulivi, who was guiding a group of divers through the underwater world surrounding Azores, Pico Island when he came face-to-face with a blue shark.

Stefano from Florence in Italy, was filming when a curious blue shark swam close-up to him, eventually planting a 'kiss' on his face before swimming away.

He said, "I was full of emotion, things like this only happen once in a lifetime. Honestly, I was not scared, I had tons of adrenalin pulsing through my veins and that was the only thing I needed."

Sharks often use their sense of touch to work out whether the creature is prey or to discover what the creature is.

Mobile phone protects man from arrow attack

New South Wales: An Australian man's life has been saved after his phone stopped an arrow from hitting him as he came under attack in rural New South Wales.

The 43-year-old was left with a small cut on his chin following the bizarre incident, but pictures released by the police show it could have been much worse.

The victim raised his phone to photograph the potential attack, when his assailant fired the arrow. Instead of being a camera, the phone suddenly became a unlikely shield, helping to protect the victim from potentially serious injury.

Police said the arrow pierced the victim's phone, knocking it back into his face. He suffered a small cut but was otherwise unhurt.

The man who fired the arrow has been charged with assault and property damage offences.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How close are we to reversing aging?

We're getting closer. Harvard Researchers have completed a study that actually reversed the aging process in mice by boosting a co-enzyme called NAD. Increasing NAD levels turned back the clock in the blood vessels and cells of the old mice, reverting them back to young mice. Human trials are underway.

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Skill Development Prog.

Mysuru, Mar.19- Central Institute of Plastic Engineering and Technology (CIPET), Mysuru, has invited applications for Skill Development Training Programme from the unemployed youths of SC and ST communities. During the six-month training, candidates will be provided free boarding and lodging facility with a stipend of Rs.500. They will also be provided job opportunities.

Applicants must have minimum qualification of SSLC and should be in the age group of 18-35 years.

Interested may submit their applications along with relevant documents before Mar.22 to the office of CIPET, 437/A, Hebbal Industrial Area, Mysuru [Ph: 0821- 2510618 or 2511903.

Ph.D Awardees

Mysuru, Mar. 19- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Food Science and Nutrition to **S.N. Prabhavathi** for her thesis titled 'Studies on Flavour Potentiating Effect of Monosodium Glutamate with Special Reference to Synergism Between Spices and Salt in Different Food Matrices' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Jamuna Prakash.

H.K. Kumara has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the UoM for his thesis titled 'Design, Synthesis and Biological Screening of Amino Acids/ Peptides Conjugated Multi-Pharmacophores' [Guide: Dr. D. Channe Gowda].

M. Archana has been awarded Ph.D in Economics and Co-operation by the UoM for her thesis titled 'Economics of Language and Development: Language Policy and Higher Education in Karnataka.' [Guide: Dr. B.K. Tulasimala]

Shri Jagdishprasad Jhabarmal Tibrewala University, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan, has awarded Ph.D in Computer Science to **B. Smitha Shekar** for her thesis titled 'Vehicular Ad-Hoc Networks for Modeling, Simulation and Analysis of Communication in Hetnet Scenario' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S.K. Yadav and Dr. Siddaraju.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Extend Shivamogga-Yeswantpur
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The recent introduction of a new Jan Shatabdi Express to Shivamogga Town from Yeswantpur is a welcome move. Train number 12089/12090 serves as an ideal 4-hour connectivity between the towns.

The train departs now 6 days a week, from Shivamogga Town at 5.30 am to arrive at 10 am in Yeswantpur and return to Shivamogga by 10.25 pm upon departing from Yeswantpur at 5.30 pm.

Since the existing single rake of Jan Shatabdi Express lies idle between 10 am and 5.30 pm at Yeswantpur, further consideration to extend the train up to Mysuru will help ensure optimum utilisation of the idle rake. This will also help fulfil the ever-increasing high demand and patronage for an additional daily train connectivity to Mysuru especially in the afternoon.

As Bengaluru-Mysuru Railway line is now successfully electrified and doubled, the need for additional connectivity by making use of idle rakes (with minimal turnaround time for rake maintenance like Jan Shatabdi Express), will rightly justify the need and meet the demand of passengers.

The Railway authorities concerned are requested to urgently examine this suggestion. Further if the terminal constraints at Mysuru permits, the suggestion to extend the train up to Ashokapuram may also be considered.

— Varun

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Entrepreneurship Development Prog.

Mysuru, Mar.19- WISE (Women in Small Enterprises), the ladies wing of Mysore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI), as part of International Women's Day celebrations, has organised a one-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme - 2019 on Mar.26 to encourage the aspiring and budding women entrepreneurs to start their own business.

Eminent speakers will speak on varied subjects.

For details, contact WISE office on Ph: 0821-2425518 or Mob: 94483-54648 or 7406064559.

Obituary

Chinnabuddi

Mysuru, Mar.19- Chinnabuddi alias Military Somanna (74), an ex-Serviceman and a resident of Alaturu village in Nanjangud taluk, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Mahadevamma, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Chinnabuddi had served in the Indian Army for about 25 years at Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi and other places before retiring. He had also served at the State Bank of India.

Last rites were performed at his native place this afternoon, according to family sources.

Anjana Murthy

Anjana Murthy (84), Founder-Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) and a resident of Saraswathipuram here, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters, a son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill last evening.

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SSLC exams from Mar. 21 to Apr. 4
8,41,666 students will appear across the State

Deputy Director of Pre-University Education P.C.Jaffer addressing a press conference in Bengaluru.

Bengaluru, Mar.19- The annual SSLC Examination conducted by Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board will be held in 2,847 examination centres from Mar. 21 to Apr. 4 across the State.

As many as 8,41,666 students will appear for the SSLC examination. While 4,47,864 boys will take up the exams, the number of girls is 3,93,802

Students from 14,450 high schools including 5,202 government schools, 3,244 aided and 6,004 unaided schools have been registered for the exams this year according to Deputy Director of Pre-University Education P.C. Jaffer.

Addressing a press conference here yesterday, he said an excess of 3,578 students have been registered this year when compared to previous year. A total of 10,572 students will not be able to take the exams due to shortage of attendance.

As many as 4,651 differently-abled students will also appearing for exams. 1,451 students have been given language relaxation. Permission has been given to 480 students to write subjects other than mathematics and science, he added.

Out of the total 2,847 exam centres, 46 have been identified as sensitive and seven as highly sensitive. CCTV cameras have been installed in 2,630 centres. 92 exam centres have been opened in District Headquarters for private persons.

To ensure there is no room for paper leakage, papers have been kept in the district treasuries and would be under CCTV surveillance round-the-clock. Directions have been issued to all District Administrations to clamp down prohibitory in a radius of 200 meters of examination centres and photocopying centres in this area will be shut during exams. OMR sheets will not be used during evaluation starting this academic year.

The evaluation of papers would commence on Apr. 10 in the 230 evaluation centres in 34 education districts across the state.

A total of 77,754 evaluators will be deputed for the purpose. Evaluations of the SSLC paper will be conducted in stages due to elections, he added.

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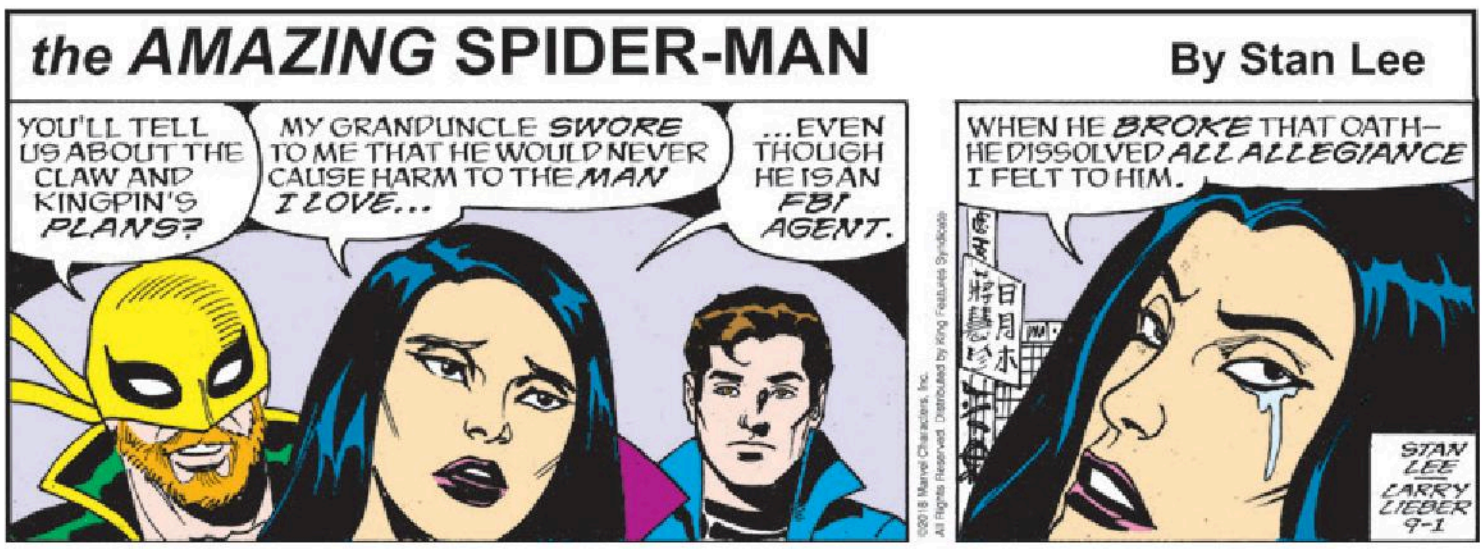
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NEWS BRIEFS

Mass Upanayana

The Prachodayath Vipra Sangha, JP Nagar, will be conducting mass Upanayana for Trimathastha Brahmin Community boys at Avani Sringeri Shankaracharya Mahasamsthanam, Sharadapeetham, 4th Main, 9th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram on May. 9. Interested Brahmin Community boys can register before Apr. 15. The registration will be done at Maharshi Educational Institutions office on JP Nagar road between 10 am and 1 pm and at the Sharadapeetham, Vidyaranyapuram between 6 pm and 8 pm. For details, call Mob: 97413-12562, 94480-63766, according to a press release.

Brain Storming Workshop

University of Mysore (UoM) has organised a two-day Brain Storming Workshop on 'Successfully Facing Competitive Examinations' at Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Auditorium (Senate Bhavan) in Manasagangothri on Mar. 20 and 21. Gulbarga University VC Prof. S.R. Niranjana will inaugurate the workshop at 10 am tomorrow. Mysuru DC Abhiram G. Sankar and UoM Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi will be the chief guests. UoM VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will preside. The valedictory of the workshop will be held at 4 pm on Mar. 21. International athlete Arjun Devaiah Theethamada will be the chief guest. UoM Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.M. Mahadevan will preside. Syndicate Member Prof. A. Balasubramaniam, Dy. Registrar, SC&STs Cell, UoM Dr. S. Mahadeva Murthy and DSW Student Welfare Director Dr. C. Ramaswamy will be present during the occasion.

Shraddanjali

Swami Sureshanandaji's Shraddanjali programme has been organised at Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama at Yadavagiri on Mar. 20. On 7.30 am: Special Puja to Sri Ramakrishna; 8 pm: Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana; 8.30 am: Bhajans; 9.30 am: Homa; 10.40 am: Shraddanjali Meeting; 11.45 am: Mahamangalarati; 12 noon: Prasadam Distribution, according to a press release from the Ashrama.

Moonlight music

Noted vocalist Vivek Moozhikulam will be performing at the 210th Moonlight Music Programme in the premises Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city on Mar.21 at 6 pm. He will be accompanied by Vid. V.S. Gokul on violin and Vid. B.C. Manjunath on mridanga. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion.

Great train robbery

Dacoits loot two kg gold ornaments at City Railway Station; Three inter-State thieves arrested, gold recovered

The Special Police team which conducted 'Operation Cauvery Express' seen with Railway SP Bheemashankar S. Guled during the press conference yesterday. Picture right shows the SP taking a look at the gold ornaments which were recovered from the accused.

Mysuru, Mar.19 (SBD&KS)- The Mysuru Railway Police have cracked a case of dacoity, by arresting three accused and recovering 1.5 kg gold ornaments worth about Rs.45 lakh from them. The robbery had taken place in Cauvery Express at the Mysuru Railway Station on Oct.1, 2018.

The arrested are Ramesh Pattekar, Maruthi Pattekar and Ananth Dande of Maharashtra. The Police have launched a hunt to nab Banu Das Pattekar and Lakshman Pattekar, who are absconding.

The three accused were nabbed at Malangi and Valvada villages in Karjath taluk, Ahmednagar district in Maharashtra.

Out of the five accused, Maruthi, Lakshman and Banu Das are brothers and Ramesh is their cousin. Ananth Dande is the prime accused, who, along with others had committed the robbery.

The Mysuru Railway Police with the help from Karnataka State Railway Police and Railway Protection Force (RPF), after five months of operation, were successful in cracking the case, said Railways Superintendent of Police (SP) Bheemashankar S. Guled in a press conference yesterday.

Details: Naveen Kumar, a gold trader, purchases gold from Mumbai and has been selling it to various jewellery stores since many years.

On Oct.1, 2018, Naveen, who arrived in Mysuru with about 3 kg gold from Mumbai, sold about 700 grams and came to Mysuru Railway Station with the remaining 2.3 kg gold ornaments to go to Bengaluru.

At about 8 pm, Naveen boarded Cauvery Express in Platform No.6 and sat inside the S-7 coach which was empty. Meanwhile, two of the accused, who boarded the coach, caught hold of Naveen, tied him up and threatened him. They then snatched the bag containing gold ornaments and fled from the spot.

After snatching the gold bag, the two accused passed on the bag with three others who were standing on the platform and disappeared.

Shocked over the incident, Naveen, who alighted from the coach, began to search and not finding anyone there and not knowing what to do, saw Policemen at a distance and narrated the incident to them.

The Policemen initially did not believe that such large quantity of gold was robbed. But without wasting time, they conducted a preliminary investigation and found that Naveen was telling the truth. They later registered a case and when they went through the CCTV footage, they saw the robbers fleeing with the bag and they also got confirmed that the robbers were from outside the State.

The Railway Police took the case as a challenge and SP Bheemashankar S. Guled formed a Special Team led by Dy.SP N.T. Srinivas Reddy and launched 'Operation Cauvery Express.'

The Special Team included Railway Police personnel and officers from Mysuru and other places. The team, which began its investigation, took the clues available on the day of crime and based on scientific proof, came to know that the accused were from Maharashtra.

The team then left for Maharashtra and with the help of local Police planned to arrest the accused.

They formed three teams and went to Ahmednagar, Sollapur and Pune, where they stayed put for months to trace the accused and were successful in nabbing three accused at Malangi and Valvada. The accused were working in an agricultural field as ordinary people but the way they robbed the trader and went absconding, they seem to be professional dacoits, said SP Bheemashankar.

The three accused who robbed the gold trader at Mysuru Railway Station.

Award for Police team

The team, comprising Mysuru Railway Inspector N. Jayakumar, Bengaluru Railway Inspector M.N. Nagaraju, Bengaluru Cantonment Circle Inspector Lakshminarayana Prasad, Sub-Inspectors R. Jagadish, Gurunath Hadimani, G.R. Dileep, Mudiyappa, Sharanabasava Biradar, Shalam Hussain and staff Papanna, B.S. Mohan, Balaji, P. Fayaz Khan, B.S. Pradeep, Srinivasa Murthy, C.T. Madhu, S.M. Naveen Kumar, C.N. Chethan, R. Jagadish, G.A. Vijayakumar, B.N. Yoganand, H.J. Appegowda, Prabhu Goni, S.P. Puttaswamy and K.B. Manjunath, which took part in 'Operation Cauvery Express' and succeeded in nabbing the accused, was given cash prize and appreciation certificate by SP Bheemashankar. Dy.SP N.T. Srinivas Reddy and RPF officials were present.

Accused were waiting since a week to rob trader

According to Railway Police, the accused did not rob Naveen for any other valuables, they committed the robbery only after confirming that he (Naveen) was carrying a large quantity of gold with him. The accused had collected information that Naveen used to purchase gold in Mumbai and then sell the same to various shops in Mysuru.

The accused had seen Naveen showing gold ornaments at various jewellery shops in Mysuru after following him and only then they conspired to rob him. After Naveen sold about 700 grams of gold ornaments at a shop and packed the remaining in a bag and came to the Railway Station to go to Bengaluru.

The accused, who followed him, saw him boarding Cauvery Express and after confirming that Naveen was alone, the accused committed the crime, the Railway Police added.

One killed, 20 injured as tempo runs over

Mysuru, Mar.19 (RK&DM)- A pedestrian was killed and 20 others were injured when a vegetable tempo ran over them on Mysuru-T. Narasipur road in the early hours of this morning.

The deceased is Premsagar of Puttegowdanahundi in the taluk.

Premsagar and others were on their way to attend a jathra at Chikkanahalli Palya, when the Tempo ran over them killing Premsagar and injuring others. They were rushed to K.R. Hospital, where the condition of two of the injured is said to be critical.

Varuna Police have registered a case in this regard.

Pramod Sawant sworn-in as Goa CM at 2 am

Pramod Sawant of BJP taking oath as the Chief Minister of Goa in a ceremony held at 2 am today.

Panaji, Mar.19 (UNI)- Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Pramod Sawant took oath as the Chief Minister of Goa in a ceremony held at 2 am today, as the saffron party managed to keep its allies together after hectic negotiations all through the day. Sawant will have two deputies — unprecedented for the tiny seaside State. One is from the MGP and the other from the Goa Forward Party.

The 45-year-old Sawant took over from former Defence Minister and four-time CM of Goa Manohar Parrikar, who was cremated at the Miramar beach yesterday. The crucial transition of power in the coastal State necessitated by Parrikar's death on Sunday capped frenzied political developments, with the Congress too staking claim to power.

Sawant's swearing-in ceremony was initially scheduled to be held at 11 pm on Monday but it was pushed to 2 am with the allies seeking to extract their pound of flesh. The new Government has two Deputy Chief Ministers, Goa Forward Party Chief Vijai Sardesai and Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party MLA Sudin Dhavalikar, from the two small parties backing BJP.

Sawant, along with Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, went to stake claim to form the Government after midnight as power-sharing talks with the alliance partners continued till late. The new CM said that the party had given him a huge responsibility, and gave credit to Parrikar for his rise.

"Whatever I am today is all due to Manohar Parrikar. It was he who brought me to politics. I became the Speaker and the CM today, due to him," he said after meeting the Governor.

Sawant was elected leader of the BJP Legislature party at a meeting held in the State capital minutes after Parrikar was given a State funeral with full military honours. BJP Chief Amit Shah and Gadkari met the Legislators before the formal resolution was passed.

Intl. Meet on Material Science

Mysuru, Mar.19 (PM&US)- A three-day International Conference on 'Advanced functional materials for energy, environment and health care' organised by Centre for Materials Science and Technology, Mysore University, at Vigyan Bhavan in Manasagangothri here, will conclude tomorrow.

Inaugurating the programme, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Vice-Chairman Dr. BVR Choudhary opined that science and technology usage should not harm the environment. He said that Material Science and Technology was essential for producing products useful to mankind. He regretted that products after usage were indiscriminately thrown whose harmful metals could contaminate the soil.

Continuing, Dr. Choudhary said that fuel consumption was going up in proportion to the population which automatically increases the air pollution. He contended that on the pretext of industrialisation, the earth is being polluted. He suggested to increase recycling of materials.

Global Materials Research Publicity Centre, Taiwan Director Dr. Masahiro Yoshimura, former VC of UoM Prof. K.S. Rangappa, VC Dr. G. Hemantha Kumar, Registrar Dr. Lingaraj Gandhi, former VC of Manglore University Dr. K. Bhyrappa were present.

Sreenivasa Prasad confirms his contest as BJP candidate for Ch. Nagar seat

Mysuru, Mar.19- Finally announcing his return to electoral politics, former Minister and senior BJP leader V. Sreenivasa Prasad on Monday confirmed his entry into the poll fray for the LS Polls from Chamarajanagar reserved constituency as the BJP candidate.

Prasad, who arrived in Mysuru on Monday after holding deliberations with State BJP Chief B.S. Yeddyurappa in Bengaluru, told reporters that he will discuss the date for filing his nomination with his followers.

The former Union Minister, who had announced his retirement from electoral politics after his defeat in the Nanjangud Assembly by-polls in April 2017, said that he was forced to return to the poll fray following pressure from his supporters and followers.

Pointing out that it has been 20 years since he last contested the LS Polls in 1999, Prasad maintained that he was not contesting the elections to exact 'revenge' for his defeat in the 2017 Nanjangud by-poll.

Noting that Congress party had become weak, Prasad said for the first time, the national party had joined hands with other parties to defeat the BJP.

Asserting that there is a Modi wave in the country and the BJP will be re-elected at the Centre, the senior BJP leader blamed former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah for the sorry state of affairs in the State and in Congress.

He lashed out at the former CM saying that though the people have taught him (Siddu) a lesson in Chamundeshwari constituency, his arrogance remained.

Prasad was elected five times from Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha seat (four times from the Congress and once from JD-U in 1999) and served as a Union Minister in the NDA Government headed by Atal Behari Vajpayee.

Prasad, who later rejoined the Congress, was elected twice as an MLA from Nanjangud (SC) Assembly segment in 2008 and 2013 and served as Revenue Minister in the Siddharamaiah Cabinet.

But he was unceremoniously dropped from the Cabinet in 2016, following which a miffed Prasad quit Congress and joined BJP. He was named as the BJP State Vice-President by the party top brass and continues to hold the post even now.

JD(S) Supremo keeps opposition foxed about his seat

H.D. Deve Gowda

Bengaluru, Mar.19- Even as JD(S) and Congress have sealed seat-sharing pact for the Lok Sabha polls, confusion continues over which seat JD(S) Supremo and former PM H.D. Deve Gowda will finally contest from — Hassan or Tumakuru?

Even after the former PM announced that his grandson Prajwal Revanna would be fielded from Hassan, his son PWD Minister H.D. Revanna said on Monday that Gowda can contest and win from anywhere, as he is popular among the people.

Revanna's latest statement gives rise to speculation that Gowda may finally stick to Hassan, his home turf. Prajwal followed it up saying he would welcome his grandfather's decision.

Gowda has named Prajwal as his successor in Hassan about a week ago. The former PM had himself considered contesting from Bengaluru North or Tumkuru. But after the BJP reportedly finalised the Hassan ticket for A. Manju, who joined the party a couple of days ago, Revanna said that he was still urging Gowda to contest from Hassan and that Prajwal was also ready to support his grandfather.

'30,000 fake voters included in NR Assembly segment'

Mysuru, Mar.19 (RKB&SR)- District BJP Slum Morcha has alleged that over 30,000 fake voters have been added to the voters list in the Narasimharaja (NR) Assembly segment in city.

Speaking to reporters here recently, District BJP leader B. P. Manjunath urged the District Administration to revise the voters list in this Assembly segment for removal of fake voters.

He said that the party had conducted a survey on its own in the Assembly segment, identified the fake voters and submitted a list in this regard to Deputy Commissioner as well as to District Election Branch with all supporting documents to prove their allegations. The party had submitted the list thrice to DC's Office and so far no action was taken in this this regard, he alleged.

He said that they had found 224 fake voters against the total 919 voters in booth number 257, 628 fake voters against 867 voters in booth number 258, 401 voters found against the total 773 voters in booth number 259. A total of 1,253 fake voters were found in all these three booths in the NR segment.

Suspecting that more number of fake voters might have been added in the voters list, Manjunath charged that over 14,000 fake voters were also found in Krishnaraja Assembly segment, but sitting MLA S.A. Ramdas had launched an agitation in this connection and got the names of fake voters deleted from the list.

"Outsiders have been registered in the voters list by producing fake lease agreements for vacant sites and fake ration cards. Majority of the fake voters have been registered in the names of one particular minority community in Hindu dominated booths in the segment," he alleged, maintaining that this information was unearthed in a survey by BJP workers in every booth in NR Assembly segment.

He said that fake voters will be prevented from exercising their franchise in the Lok Sabha polls by BJP activists if the District Administration fails to remove their names from the voters list by Apr. 2.

Will this be the last battle?

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

This is going to be the make or break election. It will either make the idea of India viable, or it will break it completely. The ruling dispensation knows that if they don't win this time, they won't win for a long time. And if they win, they'll make sure they don't lose again. Get ready for the bitterest, most cold-blooded election in the history of our Democracy.

Early symptoms of the power play were already on show. In a short span of 30 days the Prime Minister declared open 157 projects, from an airport in Sikkim to a highway in Kanyakumari. They were all publicised in ways seldom seen in our country before. And most of them were crowned by no-holds-barred election speeches. Even the inauguration of the National War Memorial in Delhi saw the PM attacking the Congress's dynastic leadership. The Election Commission helpfully waited until the ground was prepared by all these shows and speeches.

India's electorate is famously under-literate. Yet the savvy with which the illiterate and semi-literate voters of UP defeated Indira Gandhi after the Emergency is part of legend. Part of a more shameful legend was the way literate Kerala became the only State to vote for her in that historical 1977 election. The question that came up then was: Who is better for Democracy — the literate or the illiterate?

This time the question is more complicated because religion is involved. So is nationalism in its new avatar. The rise of Hindutva has given a new emotional dimension to religion. It helped the BJP create some waves although, like all waves, they dissipated quickly. Dissipation happens because Hindutva activists resort to extreme steps that violate Indian sensibilities. Lynchings and whippings and killings in the name of religion repel more than they attract. The IS is an example. Islam's concept of martyrdom was an attraction for over-enthusiastic youngsters to volunteer for suicide missions. But even in Muslim societies, IS lost the prestige it once had.

There can be healthy arguments over nationalism, like Ravindranath Tagore initiated with his notion that humanism was right and nationalism wrong. But it is something else when an Indian, born and brought up as an Indian, is asked to prove his bonafides as a nationalist. Diversity is the essence of this nation of many languages and diets and dress habits and cultural backgrounds. Unity in diversity is the ideal for such a kaleidoscopic nation. And it proved workable. To discard that in favour of a monolithic culture will be to invite disaster.

The highlight features of the last five years will have to be a guide to voting decisions this time around. Topping all lists of major policy decisions are demonetisation and GST. The passage of time has not helped paper over the disastrous impact of both, especially of demonetisation, which wrecked the lives of thousands of ordinary people and small businesses. Many deaths were reported due to exhaustion waiting in queues and to newly experienced poverty that blocked access to food and medicines. The Government blocked all attempts to get relevant statistics about the deaths.

Many autonomous institutions had zealously preserved their independence to ensure checks and balances in governance. One by one these were compromised, none more worrisomely than the Reserve Bank of India. High profile economic advisers like Arvind Subramanyam and Arvind Panagariya resigned as they discovered that the Finance Minister neither needed nor desired advisers. An RBI Governor abruptly resigned over issues relating to autonomy; the Government appointed a bureaucrat in his place.

In short, the BJP Government has been focusing on a partisan agenda to transform the basic democratic structure of the Indian polity. Its trump card has been the personality of the Prime Minister. There is no one in India today to rival his energy, his oratory and his nonstop campaigning style. He also has a capacity to attract sycophancy. Consider this India Today web desk item of May 2017: "The popular leader has completed three years, but the excitement on his being the Prime Minister has not died down."

That excitement will be kept at high pitch during the voting weeks ahead. Is that the best for us? A kind of answer was given by a 19th century American columnist named Peter Dunne. He wrote: "A man who expects to train lobsters to fly in a year is called a lunatic. But a man who thinks that men can be turned into angels by an election is called a reformer and remains at large."

Beware of reformers.

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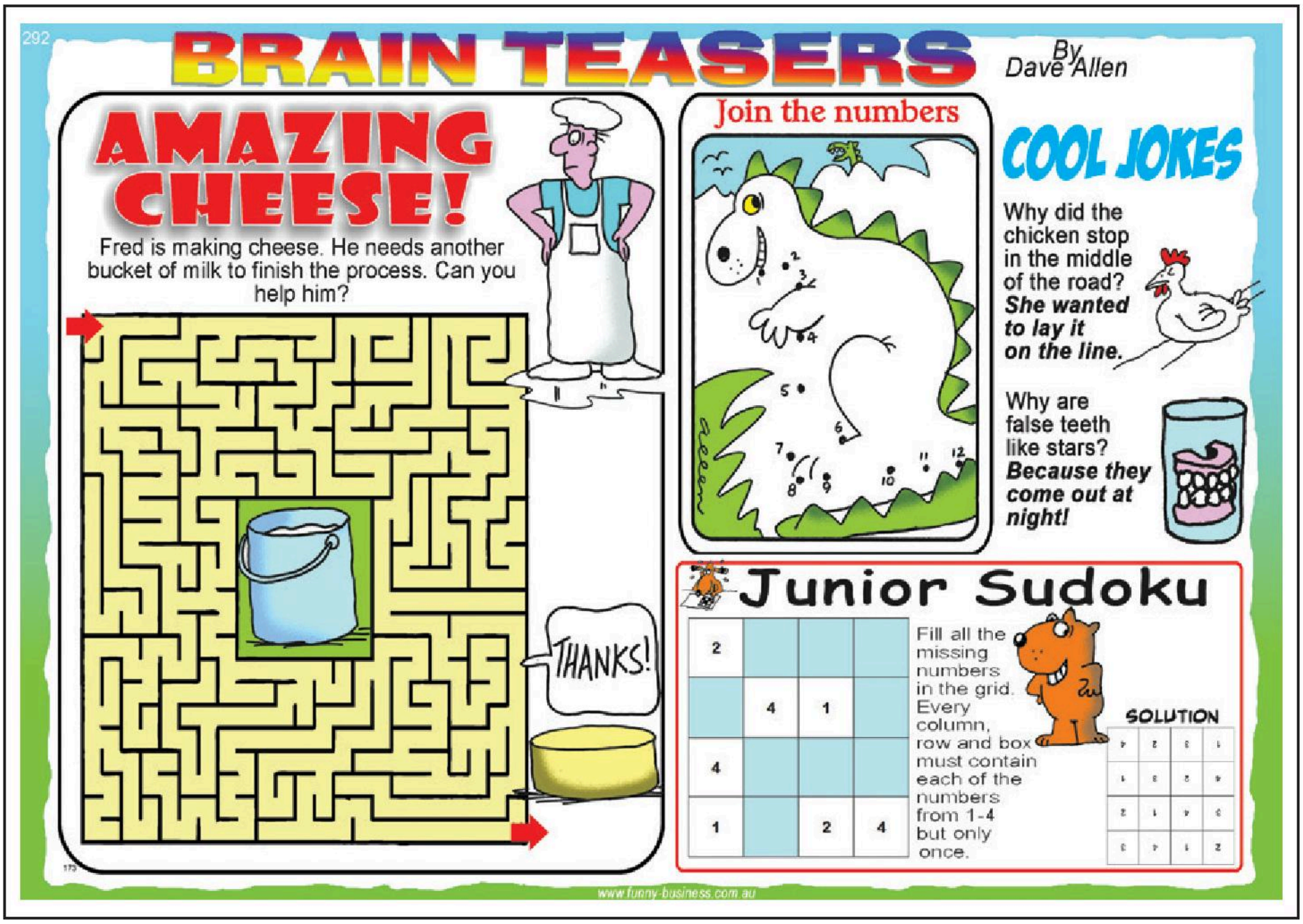
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INTERVIEW

Values, customers mean a lot to us, says Excelsoft MD D. Sudhanva

Very few industries have flourished in Mysuru as the city is considered not that conducive to economic growth. In such a scenario, to set up a software unit at a time when hardly anyone had heard about the word 'Software' takes some guts to do.

This is exactly what the low-key, publicity shy and Mysuru-homegrown man D. Sudhanva did. He along with his father, legendary educationist, Prof. M.H. Dhananjaya setup the first software company 'Excelsoft Technologies' more than two decades ago and the company has grown from strength to strength. They have also set up Excel Public School.

***Star of Mysore* Features Editor N. Niranjan Nikam caught up with Sudhanva at his state-of-the-art software company in Hebbal.** — Excerpts

By N. Niranjan Nikam

Star of Mysore (SOM): How do you feel about your own company's phenomenal growth?

Sudhanva: Actually there were a few beliefs and value systems that made me start Excelsoft and the business of our company is Edu-Tech (Education Technology). I did not want to start another services company because there were already a lot of them. I wanted to create a product company where we can bring creativity and address the global market, which means it had to be a product par excellence and we had to compete with other educational technology companies.

Second, for us it was very important to set up a transparent business as it meant a lot to me and my father. The third was at that point of time India was still not a marketplace which could pay well. So we had to start selling our products outside. Our first target was UK because it was fairly progressive in using technology in education. Internet was emerging which was seen as a potentially powerful way of delivering learning and self-learning solutions.

The other reason was I came from a technology background and my father came from an education background. So we said if we intersect the two it is education technology or Edu-tech where we actually can bring both our strengths together. That is the start of Excelsoft.

SOM: Were there any other reasons you felt important when you setup this company?

Sudhanva: Relationships were important. You acquire a customer to build them into a long-term customer and work with them. This has always been very important for us.

There is one story which I can never forget. We had a prototype but we didn't have the money to create the product and go to the market. Somebody introduced me to Colin Hughes, CEO of 'The Guardian' newspaper and he was investing 30 million Pounds in creating a learning platform and content. I went to meet him in London and he said you have five minutes and please tell me what you want to tell me. Then those five minutes became 20 minutes. Then he said this is really interesting and I want to get my team. It became a full day with his team. At the end of it, he said, I am not sure I would want this platform which is still a prototype now. But I want you to build my entire content management system and gave us the first big contract at that point of time which was 80,000 Pounds. This was in 2001. Now we do business with Harper Collins as Hughes moved there as MD and CEO. We have become close friends and he is on our board. That is how we have grown relationships.

SOM: How do you create value to your customers? Has being first in the market given you a good head start?

Sudhanva: With our platforms and products we have always been able to create an additional value and the competitive edge. We are seen as a superior product when we get compared with competition. We decided very early that we will not be a cheap Indian product. So our products are priced higher than equivalent products. Yes. Internationally entering the market early has given us a head start particularly in the area of online testing.

SOM: Is there any other thing key to your business success?

Sudhanva: The key to our business is to understand our customers' customers. We are B2B and then they take it to the consumer. It is absolutely important that the products you build are meaningful to end users. So we have to understand the customers' customer.

SOM: Your company provides education and training solutions towards effectively using technology to enhance capacities of teachers and learners. What has been the impact on both teaching and learning?

Sudhanva: Technology cannot replace a teacher and we don't believe that will ever happen. It can only enable and empower a teacher to be more effective in classrooms. With technology, they tend to do a little bit more subject research because they have online access. Because of the availability of digital content and technology they can stretch the minds of students beyond curriculum.

SOM: It was a smooth transition for you to establish Excel Public School which is a blend of teaching and learning processes. How has this experience been personally for you?

Sudhanva: The inspiration to set up the school came ten years ago as Excelsoft has been providing technology, digital content, and digital transformation to schools across the world. I thought we should bring some of the learning and create a school with a difference in Mysuru. Excelsoft has invested substantially in Excel Public School and this school will never be profitable in my lifetime.

I have got so much from being part of Mysuru. I am just giving back to the community where it is not commercial. We charge school fees but we spend a lot more on a month-on-month basis. If we had to look at Return of Investment and other things, this school — for the kind of fee we charge even though it is not small — will never be profitable. We are trying to see whether we can replicate this in smaller schools. We have done one in Kozhikode where we have not invested but somebody else has invested in Knowledge City on building a school. We are taking our knowhow and operating the school there. We have done two in Coimbatore and Trichy and we will do one more in Mysuru. The idea is to give opportunity to more and more people to access this type of education.

SOM: What kind of innovations are you doing?

Sudhanva: There are quite a few innovative things in methodologies and we have to keep improving them. We created an exclusive learning design team of 60 people who don't teach full time. They are part of Excelsoft and they do all the learning experiences design, lesson plan to laboratory experiences design. They mentor children to use the innovation centre for their projects.

Many of them are doctorates in different areas and we are creating inter-disciplinary projects for students because there is so much of physics in biology, so much of chemistry in biology and so much of physics in chemistry. You can't divide those things anymore. They are all becoming inter-disciplinary and we are preparing children to understand, appreciate and actually do stuff.

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Nanjangud Rathotsava

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It may be recalled here that in 2015, the same chariot, weighing more than 120 tonnes and towering 95-ft, had veered off the road and got stuck in a ditch, spoiling the festive spirit. Every year, the temple town celebrates the car festival in March-April with as many as five chariots being pulled by lakhs of devotees around the temple.

This morning, thousands of devotees volunteered to pull the century-old wooden Gowthama Ratha carrying the main idol of Lord Srikanteshwara. All these years, devotees used to pull the main chariot around the temple after performing puja in the auspicious Meena Lagna between 7.15 am and 8 am. But this year, the chariot did not move when two of the ropes among the three tied to it snapped as the devotees were pulling the chariot.

Earth-movers pushing the Gowthama Ratha.

Due to this, over 140 devotees, who were pulling the chariot, fell down and Assistant Executive Officer of the Temple Gangaiah sustained minor injuries in the incident. He was rushed to a private hospital.

The festival was delayed for more than two hours and soon, the temple authorities replaced the old ropes with new ropes (made from coconut fibre) brought from Mangaluru and summoned earth movers to the spot to move the chariot devotees. The rope was 19 inch thick and 110 m long.

Later, the devotees pulled the chariot with the help of earthmovers around the Car Street. All other four chariots -- Lord Chandikeshwara, Subramanya and Goddess Parvathi (Ammanavaru) -- followed the main chariot.

The pulling act which resumed at 9.20 am and the chariots returned to its original position around.11.35 am after covering a distance of 1.5 km. The District Administration blamed the Temple management for making poor preparations.

Tight Police security was deployed in the town and KSRTC operated special buses and Railways attached additional compartments to ease the rush. CCTV cameras were also in place to monitor the situation. In view of the huge congregation and soaring heat, voluntary groups had set up kiosks to distribute panaka, majjige other coolants to the public at 70 different places. Mass feeding was also organised by various organisations.

Mysore Royal Family Member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, MLA Harshavardhan, Assistant Commissioner Shivegowda, Superintendent of Police Amit Singh, Tahsildar Mahesh, Temple Executive Officer Kumaraswamy and others were present.

Three nominations filed

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Constituencies that would go to the polls on Apr. 18 are Mysuru-Kodagu, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru Central, Bengaluru Rural, Hassan, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi-Chikkamagaluru, Chitradurga, Tumakuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Chikkaballapura, and Kolar.

Those that would go to the polls on Apr. 23 are Chikkodi, Belagavi, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Kalaburagi, Raichur, Bidar, Koppal, Ballari, Haveri, Dharwad, Uttara Kannada, Davanagere, and Shivamogga.

For the Mysuru-Kodagu Parliamentary segment three nominations were filed soon after the notification was issued. The first nomination was filed at 11.45 am by Indian National Congress Party's Ayub Khan, the second nomination was filed by P.S. Sandhya of SUCI at 12.15 pm and the third nomination was filed by J.J. Ananda at 12.45 pm when we went to the Press.

Ayub Khan

P.S. Sandhya

J.J. Ananda

Fool-proof security

Returning Officer Abhiram Sankar and Assistant Returning Officer G. Anuradha received the nomination papers at the DC Office. The candidates had come with four proposers each and except for the proposers no one was allowed inside the DC Office where the Court Hall on the First Floor has been converted into a Nomination Receiving Room. Additional CCTV cameras and video recording facility have been initiated to ensure transparency.

Unlike previous elections, no media persons were allowed inside the nomination room and the photos of candidates filing nominations will be supplied to the media by the District Election Officers. Even at the Nomination Receiving Room, only the Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer, Election Branch Shirastedar Ramprasad and a couple of support staff will be present.

The last date for filing of nominations is Mar. 26 the nominations of candidates will be received from 11 am to 3 pm (except public holidays) and accordingly arrangements have been put in place. Prohibitory orders around a 100 metres radius of the DC's office under Section 144 will be in force from Mar. 19 to 26 from 10 am to 5 pm

Candidates can collect the format of nomination papers and other certificates from the DC Office during office hours from Mar. 19 to 26. Only two vehicles of the candidate will be allowed within the 100 m radius of the office in accordance with the EC guidelines at the time of filing of nomination papers. Only five persons, including the candidate, will be allowed inside (to the room where the papers will be received).

Security Deposit

A general candidate must deposit Rs. 25,000 as election security deposit and SC/ST candidates must deposit Rs. 12,500. An independent candidate must collect signatures of at least 10 local proposers and Political party candidates must collect signatures of four proposers.

Police hold route march

Police attached to Devaraja Sub-Division, led by ACP Gajendra Prasad, held a route march in some sensitive areas of the city yesterday, to instil confidence among the voters. The route march was taken out from Hill Top junction to Signal Light Junction on Mahadevapura main road, Udayagiri between 5 pm and 6 pm. More than 150 Police personnel including from CAR and KSRP took part in the route march, which was taken out to send a message to the voters on their safety and security.

254 Excise raids

Since March 10, Excise Department officials conducted 254 raids on illegal liquor activities across Mysuru and registered 160 cases, besides confiscating illegal liquor and vehicles used to transport the illegal liquor. About 120 people have been arrested in this connection. The total value of the seizure was Rs. 81 lakh, said Deputy Commissioner of Excise.

Two Election Officers appointed

Sandeep Kumar Mishra and Suraj Kumar Gupta have been appointed Expenditure Observers (EOs) for the Mysuru Lok Sabha constituency. While Mishra will be discharging the responsibility as the EO for Madikeri, Virajpet, Periyapatna, and Hunsur constituencies, Gupta will be the EO for Krishnaraja, Chamaraja, Chamundeshwari and Narasimharaja constituencies. Mishra can be contacted on 8277038792 or 0821-2434342 and Gupta can be contacted on 8277036592 or 0821-2434343.

Mandya becomes battleground of actors

By Nagaiah Lalanakere

Sumalatha

Nikhil

Mandya, Mar.19- With young actor Nikhil Kumaraswamy, son of CM H.D. Kumaraswamy, who is contesting as JD(S) candidate and senior actress Sumalatha, wife of late actor-tuned-politician Ambarish, declaring on Monday that she will contest as an independent, the battle lines have been drawn for the Mandya Lok Sabha seat, which has turned prestigious for CM H.D. Kumaraswamy.

While Nikhil is banking heavily on the name of his father CM H.D. Kumaraswamy and grandfather H.D. Deve Gowda, JD(S) supremo and former PM, Sumalatha hopes to ride on the sympathy wave following the demise of Ambarish in November last year.

As per the seat-sharing deal between the coalition partners — JD(S) and Congress — the Mandya seat went to JD(S).

Mandya is a strong hold of JD(S), which won all the seven Assembly segments in the district in the May 2018 Assembly polls. While pollsters are debating on the chances of both Nikhil and Sumalatha, the Mandya poll will be a close contest between the two.

Sumalatha's husband late actor-turned-politician was with the Congress and had even served as a Minister in the Siddharamaiah Government.

Ambarish, a native of Chikka Arasinakere in Maddur, has a large fan following in the district. Ambarish's popularity as a film actor earned him a big fan following and Sumalatha is banking on the fans and followers of Ambarish to see her through in the LS polls.

As far as Nikhil Kumaraswamy is concerned, the plus point for him is that he is the son of CM H.D. Kumaraswamy and has the full support of all the eight MLAs falling under the LS segment, who all happen to be JD(S) Legislators.

Kumaraswamy had also announced many doles for Mandya in the Budget presented by him in February last, which Nikhil hopes will be advantageous for him.

Although Sumalatha has the backing of the film Industry, she has drawbacks too and one of them is that she is contesting as an independent and not as a candidate of the Congress, which her late husband was associated with for long.

Likewise, the tag that he is an outsider and has no political experience, the controversial statements by JD(S) leaders against Sumalatha, may prove to be a hindrance for Nikhil, who is heavily banking on his father's image and support from local JD(S) leaders.

User fee charges at K.R. Hospital

BJP MLAs stage protest

BJP MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra staging a protest at K.R. Hospital along with others this morning.

Mysuru, Mar. 19 (RK&DM)- Strongly condemning the introduction of user fee charges at the more than century-old K.R. Hospital in the heart of the city, which is most visited by poor patients for their health needs, BJP MLAs and Corporators, accompanied by several patients, staged a demonstration in the hospital premises here this morning.

City BJP MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra, Corporators Pramila Bharath, Vedavathi, M.U. Subbaiah, Shivakumar, Rangaswamy, Shantamma, Sharadamma, Champaka, Geethashri, Sowmya Umesh, Chayadevi and M.C. Ramesh, leaders Jayaprakash, Devaraj, M.P. Rajesh, V.N. Krishna, Somashekar Raju, Chikkavenkatu and others took part.

Accusing the State Government of silently introducing user fee rule, Ramdas, who is also a former Medical Education Minister, urged the Government to drop the Referral Clause in Ayushmaan Bharat-Arogya Karnataka Health Scheme. Pointing out that the introduction of the clause in Arogya Karnataka Scheme will be very much disadvantageous to poor patients, he asked the State Government to correct the lacunae and shortcomings in the scheme and thus make the scheme most beneficial for poor patients.

Wondering why the State Government was not distributing Ayushmaan Bharat Health cards which provide free treatment to patients, when other States have already begun distributing them, the MLA maintained that the Government's action of introducing user fee charges, defeated the very purpose of providing free treatment to the patients at K.R. Hospital, which was built by the erstwhile Mysuru ruler Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar.

Alleging that patients visiting Nephrology Department of the Hospital were often referred to private hospitals, citing lack of facilities, Ramdas wanted this practise to stop at once and the poor patients given proper medical care at K.R. Hospital itself.

Reiterating the demand for roll back of user fee, Ramdas warned that Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy will be gheraoed when he visits the city and the District for poll campaign.

He also lashed out at Health Minister Shivananda Patil for doing little for improving the infrastructure at Government Hospitals across the State.

Claiming that the Government had introduced user fee charges for treatment / diagnosis of 720 listed ailments and other health disorders, Ramdas questioned the Health Minister on why he was silent when the Government was out to fleece the poor patients.

Following the demonstration, K.R. Hospital Superintendent Dr. Srinivas visited the protestors and received a memorandum. Dr. Srinivas assured that the user fee charges will be dropped from tomorrow itself, following which the protest was withdrawn.

Even as BJP leaders staged demonstration, many patients who met the agitating leaders, complained to them on corruption, deficiency in health services and other issues concerning K.R. Hospital.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Rachana Gopal Das Ahuja**, D/o. Gopaldas K. Ahuja and W/o Ashwin P. Bathija, residing at Sankalp Central Park, Petunia Block, Flat No. 102, Jawa Main Road, Yadavagiri, Mysore-570 020, have changed my name as **MEHER ASHWIN BATHIJA** vide affidavit dated 25.02.2019 on my own free will in front of notary C.R. Seetharam and in future i will be known, called and identified as **MEHER ASHWIN BATHIJA**.

Sd/- Meher Ashwin Bathija

Farmers oppose Ballahalli Layout formation

Mysuru, Mar.19 (PM&US)- Opposing the proposal of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) to form Ballahalli Layout, members of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) - Kodihalli Chandrashekar faction and Hasiru Sene took out a protest rally from Gandhiji's bust in front of City Law Courts Complex to MUDA office.

The farmers alleged that the land to be acquired by MUDA was very fertile.

They also pointed out that the amendment of Land Acquisition Act was detrimental to farmers.

KRRS faction State Secretary Guruprasad led the rally which also had a few bullock carts and cattle.

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Champions of 'Melange' State-level Media Fest

The students of Christ College, who won Overall Championship at Melange'19, are seen with Rev. Fr. P.D. Biju, Principal, Christ College, Rev. Fr. Shoji Jacob, Administrator, Christ College and S. Shilpa, Head, Department of Journalism and Communication, Christ College, Mysuru.

Mysuru, Mar.19- Melange'19, a one-day State-level Media Fest was organised by the Department of Communication and Journalism, St. Joseph's First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, recently. The Fest was inaugurated by Avinash S. Shatamarshan, a popular theatre artiste, director, writer and actor in Kannada Films.

Speaking on the occasion, Avinash encouraged the students to cultivate a habit of constant reading, spending quality time with people around and introspection. He opined that these qualities would take them a long way in life.

Senior academician, Prof. R.N. Padmanabha, after releasing the inaugural issue of the newsletter brought out by the Department, lauded the initiative. He stressed on the need for introspection on three major aspects: "How much did I love? How much did I laugh? and how much did I make a difference with respect to knowledge and my surroundings?" He also enlightened the students by highlighting the quotes of Swami Vivekananda and Eliot.

Secretary and Correspondent, MDES, Rev. Fr. Vijaykumar, who presided over the function, advised the students to carry out their vocation with complete conviction. He encouraged them to focus on their goals without getting distracted.

Melange'19 comprised of events like Hermes (meme creation), Iris (photography), Artemis (Live NEWS Reporting), Calliope (Indian Dance), Thalia (Mad Ads), Athena (Quiz) and Democritus (Panel Discussion).

Over 100 UG students from various colleges from Mandya, Hassan and Mysuru actively took part in the events.

Christ Bags Overall Championship: Students of Christ First Grade College emerged champions of the Fest by making a clean sweep with winning prizes in Memes, Photography, Dance, Mad Ads and Panel Discussion competitions.

Senior Academician Dr. K.J Joseph; St. Joseph's Institution CEO Prof. Mani C. Mathew, Principal and Head, Department of Communication and Journalism, St. Joseph's College, Dr. V. Niveditha were present.

The prize winners' list is as follows:

Mad Ads: Winner - Smrutimol Devasia & Team, Christ College; 1st Runner-up: Kshama and Team, Maharaja's College; 2nd Runner-up: Arun Kumar & Team, Government First Grade College, Hassan.

Panel Discussion: Winner - Pallavi & Team, Maharaja's College; 1st Runner-up: V. Kruthi& Team, Christ College; 2nd Runner-up: Shivaprasad & Team, Maharaja's College.

Meme: Winner - B.K. Rachana & Team, MMK&SDM; 1st Runner-up: J. Arun Kumar & Team, Christ College; 2nd Runner-up: Prateeksha Alva & Team, Government First Grade College, Hassan.

Quiz: Winner - G.N. Tejus & Team, Hindusthan College; 1st Runner-up: Achuuth Karthick & Team, Sapient College; 2nd Runner-up: A.R. Ridah & Team, MICA.

Photography: Winner - Swaroop Thomas, Christ College; 1st Runner-up: Raghavendra, Maharaja's College; 2nd Runner-up: Pooja, Government College for Women, Mandya.

Live News Reporting: 2nd Runner-up: S. Rani & Team, Maharaja's College.

Dance: Winner - Aleena & Team, Christ College; 1st Runner-up: Nidhi & Team, SDM College; 2nd Runner-up: Sneha & Team, Christ College.

Theatre Artist, Director, Writer and Actor in Kannada Films, Avinash S. Shatamarshan; Secretary and Correspondent, MDES, Rev. Fr. Vijaykumar and Senior Academician, Dr. K.J. Joseph watering a sapling to mark the inauguration of Melange'19, a one-day State-level Media Fest at St. Joseph's First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, recently. Others seen are senior academician Prof. R.N. Padmanabha and Principal and Head, Department of Communication and Journalism, St. Joseph's College, Dr. V. Niveditha.

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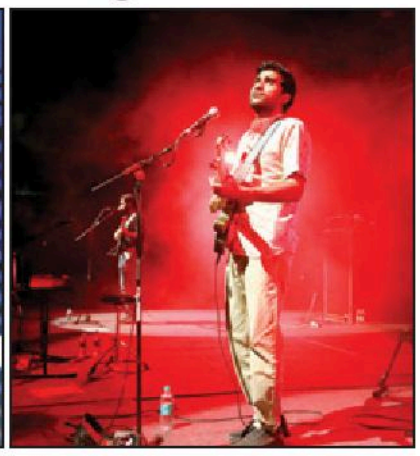

Kanan Gill, an Indian Standup Comedian and Prateek Kuhad, an Indian singer-songwriter and a musician, performing in city recently as part of Sapientia 19.

Mysuru, Mar.19- Sapient College of Commerce and Management, Vijayanagar, conducted Sapientia 19, their first Inter-College National Cultural and Annual Academic Management Fest in city recently.

Sapientia's first Inter-College National Cultural Fest on Day-1 was inaugurated by University of Mysore (UoM) Registrar Prof. Rajanna. Over 12 teams from various cities across the State participated in the Fest. The winners are as follows:

Solo Singing - Vishnu from Amrita University; **Solo Dance -** J. Arun from Philomena's College; **Group Dance -** St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru and **Fashion Show -** MICA College.

Sapientia's Annual Management Fest on Day-2 was inaugurated by UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar.

In all, 15 Colleges across Karnataka took part in the Management event competitions in various areas namely Strategem (Corporate Strategy), Empresario (Entrepreneurship Development), Finesta (Financial Management), METTEL (HR), Ensnare (Marketing), Quibble (Business Quiz), Picturesque (Photography).

Jain University, Bengaluru, team grabbed the 'Overall Championship' after an intense competition.

The two-day fest concluded with a massive celebration at Open Air Theatre, with the performance by Kanan Gill, an Indian Standup Comedian and Prateek Kuhad, an Indian singer-songwriter and a musician.

President of Sapient Education Trust, Prabhuram Choudhary, felicitated the awardees. The winners in each category were awarded with a trophy and cash prize at the valedictory function.

Intl. Collaboration in Hospitality

Mahajana Education Society signs agreement with Swagath Gourmet, New Jersey

Mysuru, Mar.19- Mahajana Education Society (MES), Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru and Swagath Gourmet (SG), New Jersey, USA, signed an agreement on Mar.1 to promote international collaboration in Hotel & Hospitality in the field of Academic Research, Internship and Training.

Prof. H.N. Satish, Head (Tourism & Hospitality), spoke about the potential collaboration and co-operation for development and promotion opportunities between SG and MES.

Senior Management Team of both organisations held discussions on modalities of deputing Hotel & Hospitality students for Internship and Training to New Jersey, USA.

Tourism & Hospitality Department of Mahajana PG Centre, KRS Road, Mysuru, conducts BBA Programme in Hotel & Hospitality. This course is quite popular as there is 100% Employment opportunity in Hotels / Resorts / Clubs in India & Abroad.

On the occasion, Muralidhar Bhagavat, Vice-President, MES, Mysuru, Dr. T. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, Hon. Secretary, MES, Mysuru and Dr. C.K. Renukarya, Director, Mahajana PG Centre, Muralilyengar, Vice-President, Swagath Gourmet, New Jersey, and USA, Padma Iyengar, Administrator, were present.

MRC gets six new Members

Harsha Nandana *Amith Aiyappa* *Ravi Koti* *B.P. Devaraja* *Anil Ashwath* *K.M. Suraj*

Mysuru, Mar.19 (KS)- Six persons have been elected as new Members to Mysore Race Club (MRC) at the election held yesterday at its premises.

The new members are T.A. Harsha Nandana (132 votes), Amith Aiyappa (126 votes), Ravi Koti (115 votes), B.P. Devaraja (98 votes), Anil Ashwath (96 votes) and K.M. Suraj (93 votes).

A total of 16 candidates had contested the election out of which six were elected as Members of the Club. Voting, which began from yesterday morning, concluded at 5.30 pm following which counting of votes was taken up and the results were declared.

KSCA Mysuru Zone Awards Ceremony tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar.19- Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), Mysuru Zone, has organised its Annual Awards Ceremony for Tournaments conducted during 2018-19, at Nityotsava Hall, near Ballal Circle, tomorrow (Mar.20) at 5 pm

Santosh Menon, Assistant Secretary, KSCA (Cricket), Bengaluru, will be the chief guest. Vinay Mruthyunjaya, Managing Committee Member, KSCA and Official Spokesperson, will be the guest of honour. KSCA Mysuru Zone Chairman Sudhakar Rai, Convenor S. Balachandar, MC Member and Zonal Co-ordinator A.V. Shashidhar and Zonal Co-ordinator B.K. Kumar will be the other guests.

Blitzkrieg State-level Open Chess Tournament in city on Mar.31

Mysuru, Mar.19- The Knight Riders Chess Club of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, Mysuru, will be conducting the 1st State-level Open Chess Tournament-2019 at the College premises in Gokulam 3rd Stage here on Mar.31.

Events will be conducted in Open Category, U-7, U-9, U-11, U-13, U-15 (Boys & Girls). Entry fee in Open Category is Rs.500 per player with UKCA ID, Rs.550 for others; Rs.250 for VVCE students. In age category, entry fee is Rs.250 for players with UKCA ID and Rs.300 for others.

A total cash prize of Rs.40,000 is in the offing. Special cash prizes for Below-1600 and Below-1300 unrated players will also be given. The top 15 players in the Open Category will also be awarded cash prizes.

Last date for registration is Mar.29. For details, contact Mob: 74063-56353.

First in Shuttle Badminton

The Shuttle Badminton team of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram — (from left) Captain Apoorva, Muthamma, Vaishnavi, Sankitha and Kshama — bagged First Place in Mysore University Inter-Collegiate Inter-Zonal Women's Game organised by SBRR Mahajana First Grade College.

MDFA 'A' Division Football

Facile win for Cosmos FC

Mysuru, Mar.19- A goal each by right-out Fahad (37th) and centre-forward Zafar (69th) helped Cosmos FC to register a facile 2-0 win over Rovers FC in the MDFA 'A' Division Football League 2018-19 for the Achutha Rao Memorial Trophy played at the University Grounds here yesterday.

RESULT — Cosmos FC: 2 (Fahad 37, Zafar 69) bt **Rovers FC:** 0.

India bound by agreement to play Pakistan in World Cup 2019: ICC

New Delhi, Mar.19- International Cricket Council (ICC) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dave Richardson on Monday said there is no threat to the India-Pakistan World Cup match, saying that both the teams are bound by an agreement. India is scheduled to take on Pakistan in a group game in Manchester on June 16. "For ICC events, all teams have signed a members' participation agreement, which requires them to participate in all the matches of the tournament and (in case of) any unjustified non-compliance with that provision, the playing conditions will kick in and the points will be awarded accordingly (to the other team)," Richardson said.

The tie came under cloud following demands to boycott Pakistan at the 2019 World Cup in the wake of the Pulwama terror attack, in which more than 40 CRPF troopers were killed.

Following the demand, the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) had written to the global cricket governing body, urging it to boycott countries from where "terrorism emanates".

With Pakistan objecting to the move in the ODI series against Australia where the Indian team wore camouflage caps as a mark of respect to the martyred CRPF personnel during the third ODI against Australia in Ranchi recently, Richardson said the BCCI took prior permission from for it and there was no politics involved.

'Values, customers mean a lot to us'

The Excel Public School stall at SOM Education Fair.

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SOM: It is a no-homework school.

Sudhanva: We have certain philosophies like we are a no-homework school with very few assignments because we want students to learn in the school and when they go back home they have to spend time with family and play in the neighbourhood as it is important for wholesome development. If you burden them with assignments, parents have to sit with them and do the homework. It is a belief system and we believe in light homework.

People were worried that if intense homework is not given students may not perform well academically. Two of our children won the Infosys Foundation Research Prize for this year and last year many of them got selected to New York Academy of Sciences, Honorary Membership. So they have done very well in competitions and going forward a couple of them will be in Indian Institute of Science and Indian Institute of Space.

SOM: Is CET an ultimate goal?

We don't just prepare students to take CET or NEET. We instead encourage them in other areas of basic sciences. Well, you need people to do genetics to pharma to core sciences. As a country we are lacking in that as engineering and medicine have been engrained in their minds and even parents think like that. We are trying to bring about a change telling them that opportunities today are plenty to grow and become successful.

SOM: Star of Mysore held an Education Fair for the first time for students from KG to PG recently. What is your view?

Sudhanva: It was long overdue as school-level education fair had not happened in Mysuru. Generally schools in Mysuru are shy of talking to each other. They are worried about non-issues — they may be worried that teachers and students may get poached. But really there are a number of good to very good schools and they have their own strengths.

Actually by collaborating we can learn from each other and do better. But that collaboration is not happening. An event like this gave us an opportunity to talk to each other and we learnt a lot from each other.

Our school's doors are always open for all of them. Once we had organised a Principals' Meet in our school and we were happy to take them around and explain our philosophy and the teaching methods. I wish this openness comes in so that school education in Mysuru goes to the next level.

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Currency, coins, philatelic exhibition takes visitors to glorious past

Mysuru, Mar.19 (SR)- A unique exhibition of old coins, currencies of various countries of the world, stamps, handwriting samples of important personalities, diaries, paintings and other artefacts is nothing short of a great history lesson.

For anyone interested in history, the natural starting point of the learning curve would be books. But for some people, that process alone doesn't suffice. They need some more practical in the form of collecting or researching old coins, currencies and other important artefacts that were in public domain.

An exhibition of rare coins right from the period of Mughals to the present day, currencies of highest face value, old stamps, handwritings of greatest personalities displayed by Bengaluru-based numismatist K. Vishwanath as part of 'Interaction with Achievers' held at Mysore Arts Gallery on Ramanuja Road recently provided a perfect opportunity for history students and enthusiasts to learn about the past.

Vishwanath has collected all sorts of objects from stamps to coins, jewellery, diaries, Indian coins and currencies of highest face values, triangle, rectangular-shaped coins, and chronologically exhibited notes from 1978, currencies before demonetisation. Coins dating back to hundreds of years were the major attraction.

Apart from this, coins and currencies of many foreign countries were also kept on display. German Euro of various face values 5, 10 to 20,000, Turkey's Lira worth 5 lakh, Argentina's Peso worth 10 lakh, Yugoslavia's Dinar worth 50 lakh, and currencies worth Dinar 1 and Dinar 5 crore, handwritings of more than 1,250 famous personalities, national postal stamps used in both ancient and modern world, ship and boat stamps, sports stamps, stamps carrying images of Queen Elizabeth, Princess Diana, Winston Churchill and Mother Teresa were on display.

Coins that were circulated during Chikkadevaraya Wadiyar of Mysore Royal Family, British era coins, coins of many princely States, coins of pre Independence era, coins with a hole, coins of various of countries of 1-5, 10-50 and 100 denominations, missile stamps, postal stamps of Second World War period were the other attractions.

Historian Prof P.V. Nanjaraj Urs felicitated Vishwanath recognising his outstanding contributions. Senior Nurse A. Govindachar, Advocate B.M. Marappa, Kannada activist K.S. Narasimhamurthy, Kamsaale Kumaraswamy, Kalihundi Shivakumar, Theatre Personality Rajashekhar Kadamba and others were present.

"Different people have different hobbies like photography, music, dance, reading books but they enjoy their hobbies without telling others. Likewise, I too have this hobby right from my childhood days. So far, I have purchased coins, currencies, stamps, diaries from many places but I never sold them," Vishwanath said.

"Stamps of Wadiyars period of Mysore, Kannada-number-bearing coins, and Mughal Emperor Akbar's period coins that have the names of all 12 months name are some of my memorable," he added. Vishwanath also said that every collector has either a specialised area or a niche area of interest. Someone might only be interested in Mughal currency. "Someone else may look at the Gupta period. I have always focused on Wadiyars of Mysore, Mughals and British India currencies. I have everything from metallic coins to paper money," he said.

"I now know more about Indian history through my collection than I gather from books. Currency has always been a sound identifier of region, reign and prosperity, among other things. And at times it is not just evidence, it is history itself. Digging up and finding rare coins, hunting them down, negotiating the price and finally getting them in our hands all these are challenges and are not easy. However, this hunt is a thrill for every collector and there is a whole process of learning involved," he said.

Youths advised to protect constitution, save democracy

Mysuru, Mar.19 (MTY&SR)- Emphasising that the practise of casteism, corruption, increase of crime and terror activities are threatening peace, stability and existence of democracy in the country, former Judge of the Supreme Court Justice Shivaraj V. Patil called upon the youths to protect the law of the land by adhering to the principles and core values of the Indian Constitution.

He was speaking at the day-long 'Sri K. Puttaswamy Memorial Endowment Lecture on Indian Constitution–Dynamics' organised by Vidyavardhaka Law College at its premises on Sheshadri Iyer Road in city on Saturday.

Former Judge of the Supreme Court Justice Shivaraj V. Patil addressing the gathering during the day-long lecture on 'Indian Constitution–Dynamics' at Vidyavardhaka Law College in city on Saturday as Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji and others look on.

He said that the Constitution of India guaranteed equal rights and opportunities for all citizens irrespective of caste, sex, religion and region besides given special protection for all including the weaker sections in the society.

The Indian Constitution which was framed on the core values of sovereign, social, democratic, secular and republic principles clearly upheld the dignity of all people, he said.

Successive governments at the Centre and States too have been making all efforts for eradicate poverty, hunger, unemployment, illiteracy and to ensure education, health protection of the people in the federal set up adhering to the principles of the Constitution, he added.

He further said that it is the duty of law students to follow the rules enshrined in the Indian constitution and added that the law students must be the representatives of the people of the country to protect their constitutional rights and facilities whenever they are threatened.

Justice Shivaraj Patil said that the Supreme Court always protected the rights of the people through various amendments and by framing laws besides protecting the core values and basic structure of the Constitution whenever it was threatened.

The Supreme Court has saved the Indian democracy in the judgment of Kesavananda Bharati vs Kerala State, he said and added that exactly 40 years ago, on Apr. 24, 1973, Chief Justice Sikri and 12 Judges of the Supreme Court delivered this most important judgment in its history.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graced the occasion. President of Vidyavardhaka Sangha Gundappa Gowda, Secretary P. Vishwanath and others were present.

Sulwadi Maramma Temple case

Police submit 6,000-page chargesheet to Court

Mahadevaswamy Doddaiah Madesha Ambika

Chamarajanagar, Mar. 19: The Police officials, probing the case of Kichuguth Sulwadi Maramma Temple prasadam poisoning case have submitted a 6,163-page chargesheet before the Principal District and Sessions Court.

Over 17 persons were killed and more than 120 fell ill after consuming the prasadam laced with pesticide on Dec.14, 2018 at Maramma Temple in Sulwadi.

Kollegal DySP Puttamadaiah, who is also an Investigation Officer in the case, has submitted the voluminous chargesheet after recording the statements of 322 witnesses, including the people who fell sick after consuming the poison, temple trustees, government doctors and villagers. The Police officers have provided evidence against the accused before the Court.

Salur Mutt Junior Pontiff 52-year-old Immadi Mahadevaswamy alias Devanna Buddhi, 35-year-old Ambika, Secretary of Maramma Temple, her husband 46-year-old Madesha, who is the temple manager, and temple priest 35-year-old Doddaiah Tambadi are the accused in the case.

Cases have been booked under IPC Sections 302 (murder), 307 (attempt to murder), 120 B (conspiracy) and Section 118 (endangering the lives of others). The Police cracked the case within four days and arrested four accused in connection with the case.

The tragic incident has triggered demands by local elected representatives for the Government to take over the temple affairs from the private trust in charge of its administration. The Forest Department is also keen on shutting the temple down or restricting its activities arguing that the temple and the Sulwadi village are located in the Male Mahadeshwara Reserve Forest area in violation of the Wildlife Conservation Act.

Lioness Rakshitha in Mysuru Zoo undergoes surgery

Mysuru, Mar.19- Rakshitha, a 15–year-old Lioness was operated for severe uterine infection at Mysuru Zoo recently. The Zoo Veterinary team identified the problem immediately and conducted the operation.

In a press release, Zoo Executive Director Ajith Kulkarni stated that the animal is recuperating and is under post-operative care with close veterinary care..

The surgery was conducted on Mar.16 and her ovary was removed. The Zoo currently has two pairs of lions.

Girl injured in stray dog attack

She was playing in front of her house when the dog attacked her

Mysuru, Mar.19 (SBD&KS)- A two-and-a-half-year-old girl was injured when a stray dog attacked her while she was playing in front of her house at Chamundi Vihar Layout here yesterday.

On hearing the girl screaming, her parents rushed to her help and rescued her from the stray canine. Had not her parents acted swiftly, the dog would have dragged her, said those who saw the attack.

The little girl, who has been injured on her neck, was rushed to a hospital where she was treated.

Meanwhile, the residents said that the menace of stray dogs has increased in the locality causing a sense of fear among the residents. They alleged that despite lodging several complaints with the civic body, no action has been taken till now and have shown negligent attitude towards the issue.

They said that there are many stray dogs in the locality which are sick and added that there are possibilities of diseases being spread from them.

They have urged the authorities concerned to take the issue seriously and take necessary action.

Angry lover climbs tree, threatens to end life

Mysuru, Mar.19 (RK&US) - In a weird behaviour, an angry lover allegedly climbed a tree in city yesterday and threatened his lady love that he would commit suicide.

The person is question was Vinay, 27 from Kalaburagi district. He was said to have arrived in city by train along with his sweetheart. As they came near Dasappa Circle, an alleged tiff between them escalated into a heated argument. The visibly angered Vinay reportedly climbed a tree in front of Vartha Bhavan close to JK Grounds and threatened to end his life.

The unusual incident obviously made passers-by to gather, who informed Devaraja Police. The Garuda staff and Devaraja Police rushed to the spot and managed to convince Vinay and got him down from the tree.

The lovers were taken to the Police Station. Their respective parents were contacted on phone and were later released after completing the basic formalities.

Externment of rowdy-sheeters

Deputy Comr. to announce decision on Mar.30

Mysuru, Mar.19 (RK&KS)- In a bid to maintain law and order situation for the forthcoming Lok Sabha polls, the Police have recommended externment of few rowdy-sheeters from the district.

The Police have recommended a total of 25 rowdy-sheeters including 15 from city for externment to the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar, who is also the District Magistrate. The Police have recommended that these rowdy-sheeters be externed till the election gets over.

In this background, the Police produced the rowdy-sheeters before the DC and gave reports pertaining to criminal cases against them and their background. The DC, who heard the arguments at his Court, will announce the decision pertaining to the externment on Mar.30.

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WALK IN INTERVIEW

Eligible candidates are requested to attend walk in interview on 24.03.2019 at 10.00 am for the following posts.

Name of the Institutions	Post	Subject	Qualification
Nisarga Ind. PU College	Lecturer	Statistics, English, Commerce	M Sc/M A/ M com
	Physical Education Director	-	M P Ed
Nisarga College of Management	Lecturer for B B A/B com /B.A/B.Sc	Commerce, English, Physics, Mathematics Computer Science	M Com/M A/M.Sc with minimum 55%
Nisarga Vidyanikethana School	Head Mistress	-	With Minimum 5 years Experience
	Assistant Teacher	Physical Science, Social Science	B.Sc (PM)/B.A with B Ed
	English Tutors	Spoken English	-
	Physical Education Teacher	-	B.P.Ed
	Nursery Teacher	-	NST

Note: Place of interview : Vijaya Institute of Management, Bhramarambha Choultry Circle, Srirampuram 2nd Stage, MYSORE - 570023.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Smithereens

Pronunciation: smih-thuh-REENZ

Meaning: A lot of very small broken pieces.
Origin: Despite its American sound and its common use by the fiery animated cartoon character Yosemite Sam, smithereens did not originate in American slang. Although no one is entirely positive about its precise origins, scholars think that smithereens likely developed from the Irish word smidiríní, which means "little bits." That Irish word is the diminutive of smiodar, meaning "fragment." According to print evidence, the plural form smithereens first appears in English in the late 18th century; use of singular smithereen then follows.
Examples: "For the Soviet Union, it didn't matter that Luna 2, which became the first spacecraft to reach the moon, had been smashed into smithereens. The point was to get there first — to mark territory." — Marina Koren, The Atlantic, 3 Jan. 2019. "Diagnosed at around age 5 with optic nerve atrophy, an incurable and often progressive disease that damages the nerve connecting the eyes to the brain, Terri doesn't just defy conventional images of blindness. She smashes them to smithereens. She's the married mom of two grade-schoolers, President of the National Federation of the Blind of Nevada and a dedicated camper who navigates the woods with a long white cane. "I can do just about anything except drive," she says. —Peg Rosen, Good Housekeeping, October 2018

THE ODD WORD

Sockdolager

A heavy blow

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Crocodile tears

Meaning: Tears or expressions of sorrow that are insincere show of sorrow.

Origin: The allusion is to the ancient notion that crocodiles weep while devouring their prey. Crocodiles do indeed have lachrymal glands and produce tears to lubricate the eyes as humans do. They don't cry with emotion though. Whatever experience they have when devouring prey we can be certain it isn't remorse. The myth appeared in print in The Voyage and Travail of Sir John Maundeville, circa 1400. All of the very early citations refer directly to the myth of crocodiles weeping. It isn't until the 16th century that we find 'crocodile tears' used with our current figurative meaning — that is, one where no crocodiles are present. Edmund Grindal, Archbishop of York and of Canterbury was the first to use the phrase with the implication of insincerity, in 1563 (re-published in Strype's Life of Grindal, 1711).

QUOTE BOX

"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."

—George Bernard Shaw

RIDDLE THIS

I am an ancient invention allows people to see through walls? What am I?

Answer: A window.

SUDOKU

	5		3			9	6	
1								2
3			8		5			
		9	7		1	6		5
6		1	2		9	8		
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Answer to previous puzzle

9	1	8	4	3	7	2	6	5
2	4	3	6	9	5	7	8	1
6	5	7	1	2	8	4	9	3
3	7	1	2	6	4	8	5	9
5	9	2	3	8	1	6	4	7
4	8	6	7	5	9	1	3	2
1	6	5	8	7	3	9	2	4
7	2	9	5	4	6	3	1	8
8	3	4	9	1	2	5	7	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

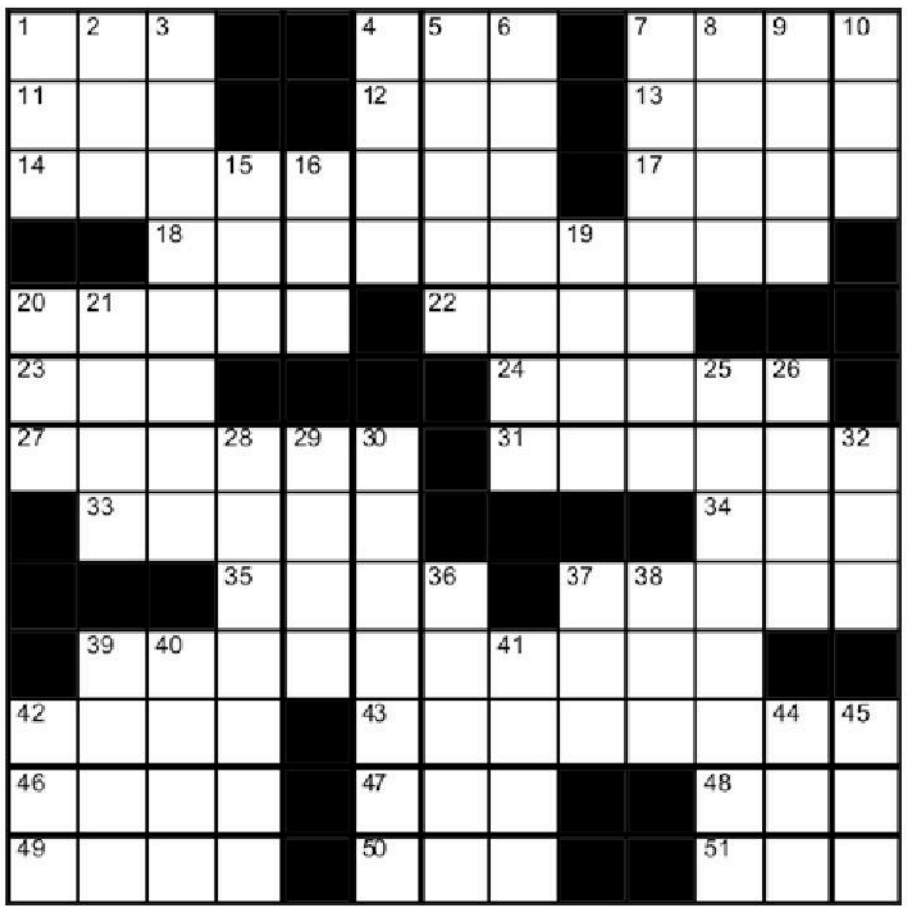
1 Donkey
4 For each
7 Growl - "rang" anagram?
11 Put a light to
12 The female reproductive cells of mammals
13 Exude; leak out
14 Had the shivers
17 Strike sharply
18 Provoked wonder
20 Popular tourist destination in North India
22 Hard drive interface
23 Gad's son?
24 Artificial fibre
27 Related the father's side
31 Lose one's temper (3,3)
33 Girl's name
34 Genetic-code molecule
35 Biblical preposition
37 Loses moisture
39 Disagreement
42 Hyperbolic trigonometric function
43 Make a guess
46 Went down towards the sea bottom
47 Medium Earth Orbit, abbr.
48 Natal or Jo'burg locale
49 Joy Adamson's pet lioness
50 Std. temp. & press.
51 As late as or until

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

S	A	B	A	■	L	E	E	S	■	F	E	W
H	E	L	L	■	U	M	B	O	■	A	T	R
E	R	E	I	■	V	I	B	R	A	N	C	Y
D	O	U	B	T	■	■	S	E	P	T	■	■
■	■	■	A	R	G	O	■	R	E	A	L	M
H	U	S	B	A	N	D	S	■	■	S	E	E
A	G	H	A	■	A	D	A	■	O	I	S	E
F	L	O	■	■	T	E	L	E	C	A	S	T
T	I	R	E	D	■	R	E	N	T	■	■	■
■	■	T	R	O	Y	■	■	T	U	N	E	D
B	R	A	G	G	A	R	T	■	P	E	R	E
P	I	G	■	G	R	E	E	■	L	A	I	N
S	A	E	■	Y	E	L	L	■	E	T	N	A

DOWN

1 Altitude, abbr.
2 Galahad for one?
3 Plagiarizing or pilfering
4 Equestrian sport
5 Odds and ____?
6 Units of angular measure
7 Founder of Servants of India Society in 1905
8 Not any
9 Ex-India all-rounder Kirti ___
10 Corded cloth or medical representative, in short
15 Mean Sea Level, abbr.
16 Quantity of heat in FPS units
19 Eye complaint
20 Green parrot from New Zealand
21 Former name of Mongolia's capital
25 Normal; common
26 Hawaii's state bird
28 Ms Sharma of Bollywood
29 Double digits
30 Respects or reveres
32 ___ Kapital : Karl Marx's magnum opus?
36 Beginning of an attack
37 502, in Rome
38 Read-Only Memory
39 Watch face
40 Wayside taverns
41 What a red light will make a driver do?
42 Compass direction
44 T.S. Eliot's initials
45 Consume food



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

PGTWR HGK EV XVPTYVX EJTVPQK GA GY TQQBITNGQ

EVQTVP TY WRV BNNFJJVYNV BP WRV THSJBEGEQV

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS L

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: No one really listens to anyone else, and if you try it for a while you'll see why

Now SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Girgitle	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Yajamana	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Bell Bottom	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Natasaarvabhowma	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Face 2 Face	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Arabbi Kadala Theeradalli	Skyline	2481170	2 Shows
Rajannana Maga	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
HINDI			
Mere Pyare Prime Minister	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Rix Naam	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Total Dhamaal	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
TAMIL			
July Kaatril	Skyline	2481170	2 Shows
Ispade Rajavum Idhaya Raniyum	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Where is The Venkatalakshmi	Padma	2521923	4 Shows

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Captain Marvel (E-3D)	(S-1	10.45 am, 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
July Kaatril (Ta)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
URI-The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
Wonder Park (E)	(S-2)	11 am, 4 pm, 5.50 pm
Ispade Rajavum Idhaya Raniyum (Ta)	(S-2)	1.00 pm
Mere Pyare Prime Minister (H)	(S-2)	7.40 pm, 9.55 pm
Rajannana Maga (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Girgitle (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Photograph (H)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Where is The Venkatalakshmi (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Face 2 Face (K)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Yajamana (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Badla (H)	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.50 pm

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Captain Marvel (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 12.50 pm 6.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Photograph (H)	(S-4)	9.50 am, 9.40 pm
Badla (H)	(S-2)	4.05 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-3)	10.25 am
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Girgitle (K)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Luka Chuppi (H)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
	(S-4)	2.25 pm
Arabbi Kadala Theeradalli (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Yajamana (K)	(S-1)	3.30 pm; (S-2) 10 am
Ispade Rajavum Idhaya Raniyum (Ta)	(S-2)	6.40 pm
Rajannana Maga (K)	(S-3)	6.55 pm
Mere Pyare Prime Minister (H)	(S-4)	12.10 pm
Face 2 Face (K)	(S-4)	5.00 pm
Naanu Nammudgi Kharchgondh Mafia (K)	(S-4)	9.40 pm

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Mere Pyare Prime Minister (H)	9 am, 2.05 pm
Arabbi Kadala Theeradalli (K)	9.30 am
Naanu Nammudgi Kharchgond Mafia (K)	10.10 am
Captain Marvel (E-3D)	10.30 am, 4.05 pm 6.50 pm, 9.35 pm
Badla (H)	11.25 am, 4.30 pm, 10 pm
Girgitle (K)	12.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	1.15 pm
Photograph (H)	1.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Rajannana Maga (K)	3.35 pm
Yajamana (K)	3.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Ispade Rajavum Idhaya Raniyum (Ta)	6.40 pm
Luka Chuppi (H)	7.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

IDEATHON: Army Tracker, Smart Glasses and Smart Travel win prizes

The Core Committee Members of Institutions Innovation Council (IIC) are seen with** (from left - sitting) **Dr. B.S. Harish, Convenor - IIC, Prof. B.G. Sangameshwara, Vice-Chancellor, JSS Science and Technology University, Dr. KSMS Raghav Rao, Director, CSIR-CFTRI and Dr. Mallikarjuna Aradhya, President - IIC.

Mysuru, Mar.19- JSS Science and Technology University (JSS S&TU), formerly SJCE, under the Institutions Innovation Council (IIC), had organised an IDEATHON Competition recently at their campus commemorating National Science Day celebration. A total of 65 Novel Ideas were received from the students of the University. Three ideas were chosen out of 13 short-listed ones by the jury.

First prize was awarded to 'Army Tracker' by R. Pavan Nayak, a student of 3rd year BE E&C branch. The student proposed the usage of local network instead of using GMS GPS module in tracking device for national security purpose. He was awarded with Rs.10,000 and a Certificate of Appreciation.

Second prize was awarded to 'Smart Glasses for Specially Abled' by Kartikeya Jois, Arun Louis and K.S. Rakshit, students of 3rd year BE E&C branch. They came up with an innovative idea of converting speech into visual display on special glasses to aide communication with hearing-impaired individuals. The team received Rs.5,000 as cash prize and Certificate of Appreciation.

Third prize was awarded to 'Smart Travel' by Shrihari Bharadwaj, A.R. Rohit and Sumanth Mahishi, students of 3rd year BE IS branch. They formulated the development of round maps for multiple locations to ease navigation. The team received Rs.3,000 as cash prize and Certificate of Appreciation.

The chief guest for the event, Dr. KSMS Raghava Rao, Director of CSIR-CFTRI, inspired the audience quoting success stories of great achievers and inventors.

Prof. B.G. Sangameshwara, Vice-Chancellor of JSS S&TU, Dr. Mallikarjuna Aradhya, President - IIC and Dr. B.S. Harish, Convener - IIC, were present during the event.

EVENTS TODAY (MAR.19)

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Mahabharatada Vanaparva' by Pt. Sri Be. Na. Vijayendrachar, Samiti premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavatha Dashama Skanda' by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, Ganapathy Ashrama premises, Mysuru-Ooty Road, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Nadaranga: Ranga Sambhrama-2019, staging of Kakolu Saroja Rao's historical play 'Mahamantri Thimmarasu' by Rangaanaanda Kala Tanda, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

Sri Digambara Jain Samaja and Padmasri Jain Mahila Samaja: Palgunamasa Nandishwara Ashtahnika Parva of Sri Vilamba Nama Samvatsara, discourse on 'Jaina Dharmada Mula Achara Paddhati mattu Vijnana' by Dr. Abhijith Jain Shastri, Sri Shantishwara Swamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), **7.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR.20)

University of Mysore (UoM): Brain Storming Workshop on 'Successfully Facing Competitive Examinations,' Gulbarga University VC Prof. S.R. Niranjana inaugurates, Mysuru DC Abhiram G. Sankar and UoM Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi chief guests, UoM VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar presides, Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **10 am.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Mahabharatada Vanaparva' by Pt. Sri Be. Na. Vijayendrachar, Samiti premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

The Karnataka State Cricket Association, Mysuru Zone: Award Function of Tournaments conducted during 2018-19, KSCA Asst. Secretary (Cricket) Santosh Menon chief guest, KSCA Official Spokesperson and Managing Committee Member Vinay Mrutyunjaya guest of honour, Nityotsava, near Ballal Circle, **5 pm.**

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavatha Dashama Skanda' by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, Ganapathy Ashrama premises, Mysuru-Ooty Road, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

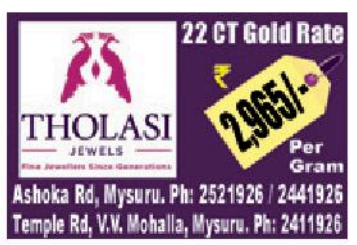
Nadaranga: Ranga Sambhrama-2019, staging of play 'Ask Mr. YNK' by Aparyapta, Mysuru, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

Sri Digambara Jain Samaja and Padmasri Jain Mahila Samaja: Palgunamasa Nandishwara Ashtahnika Parva of Sri Vilamba Nama Samvatsara, discourse on 'Pujya Vishashri Mataji Chittavritti Pravachana' by Dr. M.S. Padma, Sri Shantishwara Swamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), **7.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

'Singara Kala Rathna' conferred

Mysuru, Mar.19- Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy was recently conferred the prestigious award 'Singara Kala Rathna' by Singapore Kannada Sanga, in the presence of house-full audience with standing ovation for her Kshthra Draupadi of Kumara Vaysa and for her yeomen service to Bharatanatyam.

The Award was presented by President of Singapore Kannada Sangha Vijayaranga Prasad. Director of Sadhana Performing Art Centre, INC Singapore Dr. Sadhana Tolpadi was also present.



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